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In re Application of:

HEENAN, Sidney A., et al.

Serial No.: 09/453,327

Filed: December 2, 1999

For: RETROREFLECTIVE ARTICLES  
 HAVING MICROCUBES, AND TOOLS AND  
 METHODS FOR FORMING MICROCUBES

Examiner: J. Phan

Art Unit: 2872

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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO COMMUNICATION MAILED JULY 3, 2001

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Dear Sir:

In response to the communication mailed July 3, 2001 in regard to the above-identified application, please amend claim 94 as follows, without prejudice.

94. (Amended) An article comprising an array of microcubes in which every region of three by three microcubes is nonrularle and in which at least one microcube in a said region of three by three microcubes is rectangular.

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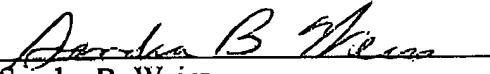
The foregoing amendment is made in response to the communication mailed July 3, 2001, and in furtherance of the telephone discussion regarding the same held between the

undersigned and Examiner Phan on July 23, 2001, the courtesy of which is acknowledged with appreciation.

The amendment to delete the "pentagonal microcube" species from claim 94 is made without prejudice, and is solely to expedite examination of this application. Applicant expressly reserves the right to reassert one or more claims directed to the deleted subject matter at a later date.

A marked-up version of the claim as amended is submitted herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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**Marked-Up Version of Claim 94 Submitted With Amendment**

94. (Amended) An article comprising an array of microcubes in which every region of three by three microcubes is nonrutable and in which at least one microcube in a said region of three by three microcubes is rectangular [or pentagonal].

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